

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-9-8**

Date Prepared: September 4, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: September 8, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: September 8, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22/N97.8.153/L-97.1-RUL - Discussion and action as necessary on MPC gas case, including post-hearing options for expedited order, SB396 licensing rules, MP Energy license application (9/9/97)
2. PSC vs. USWC Docket D97.7.116 - Update PSC on settlement, if any, discuss and act on procedure (9/9/97)
3. Lone Mountain Springs Docket D97.8.140 - Discuss and act on procedure for hearing, if any, in response to requests for hearing (9/9/97)
4. USWC Docket N97.8.152 - Direction and/or action on USWC's Introduction of national Directory Assistance Service tariff filing (9/9/97)
5. USWC Docket N97.8.151 - Direction and/or action on USWC's Addition of Internet Listing to Directory Listing Services tariff filing (9/9/97)
6. FCC's proposed changes to slamming rules - Obtain Commission direction whether to file comments (9/9/97)

7. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. GREAT FALLS GAS COMPANY - Docket D97.7.119 (Scott)

On July 11, 1997, Great Falls Gas Company filed an application to increase rates for natural gas service by \$1,879,210 pursuant to a Gas Cost Tracking Mechanism. A Interim order has been drafted and distributed. Staff recommends approval.

2. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.8.158 (Eric)

On August 25, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to (1) issue and sell or exchange not more than \$1,150,000,000 of debt, (2) enter into credit support arrangements and (3) enter into currency exchanges. This application represents an increase of \$400,000,000 in debt from the \$750,000,000 granted by the Commission in Docket No. D96.2.25, Default Order No. 5900. A Default Order has been drafted.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.9.161 (Bonnie)

On September 2, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-30, introducing Uniform Access Solution, a switched DS-1 arrangement offered as an alternative to PBX trunks or DSS, providing a digital connection to the public switched network.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-9-15**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D97.8.160 Sprint/USWC - Petition for Approval of Arbitration Agreement  
N97.9.161 USWC - Uniform Access Solution